

Marazion,

January, 1901.

To the West Penwith Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting you with my report for last year.

The general health of the District has remained satisfactory.

The compulsory Notification of Infectious Diseases Act came into operation on January 1st last, and has been the means of acquainting me with the amount of Infectious Disease in the District.

During the year 37 cases of Infectious Disease were notified, 23 of these having been Scarlet Fever cases, and 6 of Typhoid Fever. The cases of Scarlet Fever were of a mild type, and no death occurred. Of the Typhoid cases, one proved fatal.

The Notification Act having been made compulsory, is a great boon to me as Medical Officer of Health.

It was not found necessary to close any Schools during the year.

There were 211 births and 158 deaths registered during the year, giving a birth rate of 17.50, and a death rate of 13.10, according to the Census of 1891.

The birth rate for the preceding year was 22.72, and the death rate 15.34.

Of Infants under one year of age, 25 deaths were reported, as against 35 in the year 1899, and 53 in the year 1898—this improvement is probably due to mothers being better educated in the manner of feeding young children.

I have visited the several parts of the district on many occasions during the year, and have received fewer complaints than hitherto. People generally are more careful in having rubbish removed, and filth is not nearly so common as was formerly the case. Piles of manure are generally covered with earth or sand, and are only a nuisance when being disturbed for the purpose of dressing the land.

The usual amount of work has been done in the way of laying necessary sewer and drain pipes, as can be seen from the list of the work carried out by the Council in the different parishes, which I have attached to this report.

The sewer at Marazion has received your attention. Money has been borrowed with the sanction of The Local Government Board, and tenders invited for the carrying out of the work. It is to be hoped that this work will be completed at an early date ; at any rate it should be finished before the summer comes.

The water supply at Long Rock is almost completed, and will, I have no doubt, prove a great boon to the inhabitants.

At Sennen the people seem very pleased with their new supply. Gulval water supply has also been augmented to meet the requirements of the inhabitants of the Churchtown.

Goldsithney and Perran should also have a better supply. I have reported this matter to you on other occasions, and I hope something will soon be done to enable the residents in these places to have the same facilities for water as is enjoyed by most people living elsewhere.

Lelant Railway Station has been supplied with water.

The Carbis Bay District has received your attention. Plans, specifications and estimates have been prepared and referred to the Parochial Committee for their consideration and report. When the water supply for this part of the District is obtained, it will be necessary to provide a system of proper drainage.

I append the forms filled up as far as I can.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MUDGE.

**New Works carried out by order of the West Penwith Rural District
Council during the year 1900.**

Parish of St. Buryan Drains and Ash Pits provided for 3 houses.
1 New Privy provided.

St. Erth 45 feet Drain Pipes laid, connecting 2 houses.
1 New Privy provided.
1 Privy repaired and put in order.

Gulval New Adit driven 300 feet in length to improve Water Supply.
1 Deep Well cleaned up and put in order.
3 New Privies provided.

St. Hilary 2 New Privies provided.
2 Privies repaired and put in order.

St. Levan 324 feet Water Pipes laid, supplying 5 houses.
1 Well repaired and put in order.
75 yards Sewer Pipes laid.
70 feet Drain Pipes laid, connecting 2 houses.

Lelant 52 yards Sewer Pipes laid.
Supply of Water provided for the Railway Station.
1 Well repaired and put in order.
1 House cleansed and lime washed.

Marazion 20 yards Sewer Pipes laid, connecting 2 houses.
2 Drains repaired and put in order.
4 New Water Closets provided.
3 Privies repaired and put in order.

Morvah 1 Well improved and protected.

Perranuthuoe 1 Privy provided.
1 House closed, unfit for human habitation.

Sancreed 243 yards Sewer Pipes laid, connecting 6 houses.
33 yards Drain Pipes laid, connecting 2 houses.

Sennen..... 40 yards Sewer Pipes laid, connecting 2 houses.
1 Drain repaired and trapped.
3 New Privies provided.

Towednack..... 5 New Privies provided.

Zennor 2 Wells sunk and Pumps fixed thereon.

